MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The reason is that the number of candidates has been falling from year to year and last year there were only six candidates. Further there are about 100 candidates already waiting for employment.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : Is there any guarantee that the passed candidates will be given employment ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : There is no guarantee, but the ordinary presumption is that such people would be employed.

Puliyoor—Chennithala Road.

42. ✻**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they or the department have received representations regarding the improvement of the Puliyoor-Chennithala Road ;

(*b*) whether they or the department have received representations regarding the construction of the bridge at Ennakkadumoola (എണ്ണക്കാടുംമൂല) on the above road ; and

(*c*) whether there is provision in the current year's budget for the construction of the above bridge and the steps taken or work done if any, in the matter ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is provision. The work will commence as soon as the necessary lands are acquired and handed over to the P. W. Department.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : Is the honourable member prepared to state that he can possibly get the lands acquired by Government ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Action has been taken and the necessary notification will be published in the course of a few weeks.

Kollakadavu Bridge.

43. ✻**MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted during the last four years towards the construction of a bridge at Kollakadavu over the Kollakadavu river on the Chengannur—Mavelikara road ;

(*b*) whether any preliminary works have been begun ; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes; Rs. 10,000 each in the budget for 1117 and 1119 M. E.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI : May I know what are the preliminary works that have been begun and the stage at which they are ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : The preliminary works in regard to the preparation of estimates are the examination of sub-soil, and the location of site forming of approaches to the bridge. All these have been done and I have with me an estimate for Rs. 1,77,000.

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